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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 10/068,688 |
| Filing Date | February 6, 2002 |
| First Named Inventor | Libby et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 2873 |
| Examiner Name | Nguyen, Jimmy H. |
| Attorney Docket No. | A202 10501 |

This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on Page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 21, 2005
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1039(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 12/22/2005 BABRAHA1 00000001 090528 100 8686
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Signature | | Date | December 20, 2005 |

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent to the central facsimile number, 571-273-8300, for patent application related correspondence on December 20, 2005.

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| Effective on 12/8/2004. Fees pursuant to the consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818) FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005 | | Complete if Known | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 | | Application Number | 10/068,686 | | |
| | | Filing Date | February 6, 2002 | | |
| | | First Named Inventor | Libby et al. | | |
| | | Examiner Name | Nguyen, Jimmy H. | | |
| | | Group Art Unit | 2673 | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1120.00 | | New Attorney Docket No. | A202 1050 | | |
| METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) | | | | | |
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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting Publication Of Sir After Examiner Action | |
| 1251 | 120 | 2251 | 60 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 450 | 2252 | 225 | Extension for reply within second month <i>(Incremental)</i> | 330.00 |
| 1253 | 1,020 | 2253 | 510 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,590 | 2254 | 795 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2160 | 2255 | 1080 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 500 | 2401 | 250 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 500 | 2402 | 250 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 1,000 | 2403 | 500 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to Institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 600 | 2452 | 250 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,500 | 2453 | 750 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1480 | 130 | 1480 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 1809 | 790 | 2809 | 395 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 780 | 2810 | 395 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 790 | 2801 | 395 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | 780.00 |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) | | | | | |
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